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LETTER DATED 9 AUGUST 1996 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 13 June 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/1996/438), I should like to state as follows:

1. The statements made in the letter of the Permanent Representative of Iraq bear no relation whatever to the truth and are merely those same allegations and fabrications that are repeated from time to time (and more frequently in recent days) in an attempt to distract the attention of the international community from Iraq's failure to implement and comply with the resolutions of the Security Council.

2. The Kuwaiti authorities concerned have nothing in their records relating to these allegations. On being asked about the allegations, the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) stated that it had no knowledge of them whatever.

3. These Iraqi fabrications and allegations, whose purpose is obvious and which have become more frequent in recent times, only prove that Kuwait is correct in what it has been urging, namely that there is a pressing need for a UNIKOM naval presence on Kuwait's maritime boundaries with Iraq.

I should also be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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